

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 3pm

I. Introductions. Monica Charles-Leinberger, Deb Evensen, Vickie Tinker, Wendy Barrett, Christie Reinhardt, Alex Edwards, Christine Marasigan, Jeannie Yuman, Genevieve Casey, Stephanie Johnson, Adam Rutherford, Lakota Holman, Teri Tibbett,

II. Approval of Agenda . Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from 5.8.13. Approved.

IV. General Updates and Information

Monica announced that her job as FASD Specialist at LKSD no longer exists and she has taken a job as a reading specialist. She will continue her work on the Bethel FASD diagnostic team. She will be helping to present at an ARC conference in Seattle, working with people at UW; also going to Arkansas to do FASD training with NOFAS and others.

Deb Evensen is working with Anchorage and Kenai school districts, expanding the Kenai project throughout the district. ASD think tank has developed an animated video on how to work with kids with FASD to be seen by every teacher in the district, featuring real “teacher talk.”

V. Idea for DJJ and DOC

Teri discussed a project to serve people with neurodisabilities in Corrections (DOC) and Juvenile Justice (DJJ) that would screen, diagnosis, treat, transition, and provide aftercare for people with neurodisabilities (FASD, T/ABI, Trauma Disorders). Discussion followed: Stephanie-more and more are being sent to Texas Neuro-Rehab, there is an IQ barrier can't be served in-state, away from family, culture, for 2-3 years; Christie said once a kid is out of state they have a hard time because of having too high a high IQ. Teri talked about looking at adaptive functioning, as opposed to IQ; Other comments: barriers exist with people who have an FASD diagnosis, can't be admitted to some programs with that diagnosis; Wendy said Texas Neuro-Rehab call people with FASD as having a mental illness and treat them as having a mental illness which requires different interventions and so the kids with FASD are not being served appropriately under this diagnosis. Need to change the IQ requirement for serving with people with FASD. Monica noted her observation is kids with FASD are sent out and getting inappropriate treatment, inappropriate or non-existent transition services; Adam said they are looking at Canada for a screening tool to use at DOC; Genevieve discussed that screening is tricky and she can't recommend anything; Jeannie asked about the Alaska Screening Tool. Teri asked who would like to be on a workgroup that works on this project. The following people volunteered: Deb, Wendy, Stephanie, Vickie, Christie, Jeannie Y, Adam (add Sean O'Brien, Shannon Cross).

VI. Workgroup Updates – Teri asked if anyone was interested in chairing a workgroup. The following people volunteered to chair/co-chair the following workgroups:

- Diagnosis/Parent Navigation (?)
- Family/Peer Support (Wendy & Jeannie G?)
- FASD & Education System (Deb & Christie)
- FASD & Legal System (Teri)
- Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women (?)
- Services for Adults with FASD (Jeannie Y).
- Professional Development (Jeannie Y)
- Youth & FASD (?)

Action: Teri will send out an overview about Partnership workgroups, and links to minutes from previous workgroup meetings & goals of the workgroups that were identified at the summit in 2010.

VII. Other Announcements/Trainings/Events

Christine will be going to the FASD conference regarding prevention and legal issues in Alberta and will bring back pertinent information related to the Partnership.

Teri suggested more in-depth introductions for the new members:

- Jeannie Yuman works in behavioral health at Norton Sound Health Corporation; adopted mother of child with FASD; working on her degree on human services associates degree; loves beadwork; passion for advocate for people in need
- Christie Reinhardt is staff to education and early intervention committee at GCDSE; was parent navigator at Stone Soup Group; worked as foster parent trainer; 12 year old adopted son with high functioning autism, gifted and behavior issues, but is a delight;
- Genevieve Casey works in Office of Prevention & Intervention at Division of Behavioral Health; oversees the FASD diagnostic teams statewide; prevention efforts; FASD 101 and FASD 201 and FASD Into Action; FASD case management program;
- Lakota Holman works for ANTCH in behavioral health department serving tribal partners statewide, works with substance abuse prevention; grew up near Bethel;
- Deb Evensen, longtime Alaskan teacher with specialty in behavior disorders, especially in FASD; consultant with Anchorage School District and Kenai SD;
- Vickie Tinker coordinator of Kenai FASD diagnostic team at Frontier Community Services.
- Adam Rutherford oversees mental health programs for DOC; FASD is a serious issue in DOC that is underserved;
- Stephanie Johnson is mental health clinician at Nome Youth Facility; works with youth who have FASD; do screening and treatment for youth with FASD;
- Wendy Barrett is program manager for Stone Soup Group; used to work for ASD; positive teen??; mental health programs; OCS; has four children, one of whom is deaf with autism and ADHD.
- Alex project coordinator at Arctic FASD Regional Training Center, trains medical personnel on issues related to FASD.
- Christine Marasigan works for Senator Meyer and worked on FASD as a mitigating factor and FASD Awareness Day legislation.
- Teri is the advocacy coordinator for AMHB/ABADA

VIII. Next meeting. Sept. 11, 2013 at 3pm